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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated 03/14/2006. The applicant choose species II, claims 12-22, as the elected single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is final held to be allowable.

Applicant elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of original claims 12-22 for examination since those elected claims read on the above elected embodiment.

Respectfully submitted,

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